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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An electronic apparatus comprising:
a housing having an outer plate;
a fixing part provided on the outer plate, the fixing part having including a holder piece located inside of the housing farther than the outer plate and an edge projecting toward the inside of the housing;
a circuit board housed removably in the housing; and
a bracket provided on the circuit board, and interposed between the circuit board and the outer plate, the bracket having a fitting piece which is held between the outer plate and the holder piece, and butts against the edge when the circuit board is housed in the housing.
2. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the holder piece of the fixing part is parallel to the outer plate.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the housing includes a base having the outer plate, and a cover fitting on the base and hiding the circuit board.
5. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the cover holds the fitting piece in the fixing part by contacting with the fitting piece of the bracket.
6. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the circuit board has a terminal at one end, and an edge facing to the cover at the other end opposite to the terminal; and the housing has a connector to which the terminal of the circuit board is removably connected.

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7. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 6, wherein a gap between the edge of the circuit board and the cover is smaller than the insertion length of the terminal into the connector.

8. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the bracket has an ejection lever which ejects the circuit board in the direction of removing the terminal of the circuit board from the connector, the ejection lever having a first end contacting with the outer plate, a second end operated manually, and a middle part supported rotatable by the bracket between the first and second ends; and the circuit board is ejected from the housing taking the first end of the ejection lever as a point of action, when the ejection lever is rotated in the direction of pressing the first end to the outer plate.

9. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the fitting piece of the bracket has a projection contacting slidable with the outer plate.

10. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the fixing part has a connection piece extending over the outer plate and the holder piece; and the fitting piece of the bracket butts against the connection piece, when the circuit board is housed in the housing.

11. (Currently amended) An electronic apparatus comprising:
a housing having an outer plate;
a plurality of fixing parts provided on the outer plate, each ~~fitting~~ fixing part having a holder piece parallel to the outer plate at a position inside of the housing farther than the outer plate;
a circuit board located inside of the housing at a position along the outer plate, to which an expansion card is connected removably; ~~[[and]]~~
a bracket provided on the circuit board, and interposed between the circuit board and the outer plate, the bracket having a plurality of fitting pieces held between the outer plate and the holder piece, when the circuit board is housed in the housing; and
an ejection lever for taking out the circuit board from the housing, the ejection lever having a first end contacting with the outer plate, a second end operated manually, and a middle part supported rotatable by the bracket between the first and second ends; and the

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circuit board is ejected from the housing taking the first end of the ejection lever as a point of action, when the ejection lever is rotated in the direction of pressing the first end to the outer plate.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The electronic apparatus according to claim ~~[[12]]~~ 11, wherein the housing includes a base having the outer plate, and a cover fitting on the base and hiding the circuit board and the ejection lever; and the cover holds the fitting piece in the fixing part by contacting with the fitting piece of the bracket.

14. (Currently amended) An electronic apparatus comprising:

a housing having an outer plate;

a fixing part provided on the outer plate, the ~~fitting~~ fixing part having a holder piece parallel to the outer plate at a position inside of the housing farther than the outer plate, and a connection piece extending over the outer plate and the holder piece;

a circuit board housed removably in the housing, the circuit board having a terminal and supporting removably an expansion card;

a connector provided inside of the housing, and connected removably with the terminal of the circuit board; and

a bracket provided on the circuit board, and interposed between the circuit board and the outer plate, the bracket having a fitting piece which is held between the outer plate and the holder piece, and butts against the connection piece, when the circuit board is housed in the housing.

15. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the housing includes a base having the outer plate, and a cover fitting on the base and hiding the circuit board; and the cover holds the fitting piece in the fixing part by contacting with the fitting piece of the bracket.

16. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the circuit board has an edge facing to the cover on the opposite side of the terminal; and a gap between the edge and the cover is smaller than the insertion length of the terminal into the connector.

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17. (Original) The electronic apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the bracket has an ejection lever which ejects the circuit board in the direction of removing the terminal of the circuit board from the connector, the ejection lever having a first end contacting with the outer plate, a second end operated manually, and a middle part supported rotatable by the bracket between the first and second ends; and the circuit board is ejected from the housing taking the first end of the ejection lever as a point of action, when the ejection lever is rotated in the direction of pressing the first end to the outer plate.